

Division of Mental Health and Addiction
Transformation Work Group Meeting
March 11, 2008
IGCS Conference Center Room 18

Minutes

Members Present: Denny Jones, Cathy Boggs, Craig Andler, George Brenner, Tracy Brunner, Alma Burrus, Sabina Calhoun, John Dwenger, Debbie Herrmann, Julia Holloway, Terry Jenkins, Robert Levy, Steve McCaffrey, Pam McConey, Susan Pieples, Peggy Stephens, Rodney Stockment, Bruce Van Dusen, Kathy Weaver, Bob Williams

Guests: Glenna Asmus, Kendra Ballenger, Becky Buhner, Caroline Carney-Doebbling, Kathleen Christoff, Charles Coley, Lori Dimick, Galen Goode, Sarah Jagger, Kelly Kaufman, Theresa Koleszar, Lori Long, Sue Lummus, Hank Milius, Lori Phillips-Steele, Lynn Smith, John Viernes

Chair Denny Jones called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.

Kelly Kaufman from the Indiana Primary Care Association gave an update of the Health/Behavioral Health Integration Strategy. The authors of this initiative, Lisa Winternheimer and Kathleen O'Connell, will present the long term strategies at the May meeting. Any comments or suggestions related to this initiative can be sent to Kelly at kkaufman@indianapca.org

The first presentation on Consumer Employment was given by Bob Williams and Kathleen Christoff. The title of the presentation was "Employment for Indiana's Residents with a Serious Mental Illness or Addictive Disorder – Needs, Barriers and Recommendations." The presentation can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/dmha/4752.htm>

After the presentation, there was a brief discussion and time for comments, questions and answers.

It was moved and seconded to approve and support the Consumer Employment report with an understanding that the strategies will be evaluated for implementation. Denny noted that the TWG Steering Group will review each recommendation for implementation.

The second presentation on Supportive Housing was presented by Rodney Stockment. The title of the presentation was "Indiana Permanent Supportive Housing Initiative – Stop funding programs – Start funding solutions." The presentation can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/dmha/4752.htm>

After the presentation, there was a brief discussion and time for comments, questions and answers. Lori Phillips-Steele of the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) noted that her organization will be teaming with the Indiana Supportive Housing Organization on this initiative.

It was moved and seconded to approve and support the Supportive Housing report with the understanding that the strategies will be evaluated along with the Consumer Employment strategies for implementation.

The next meeting of the Transformation Work Group will be May 13, 2008, from 1 – 3 p.m. in Conference Center Room 18. The topics of discussion will be Financing and Delivery and Health/Behavioral Health Integration Long Term Strategies.